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Rebate Program for Solar & Wind Energy Systems Expanded

Salt Lake City, Utah – In the first 55 days since the Utah Office of Energy Development (OED) launched the Utah Renewable Energy Rebate Program (URER) on Aug. 22 over \$830,000 have been allocated, leveraging \$4.6 million dollars of economic activity through 139 projects in communities from Logan to St. George.

Due to the remarkable popularity of the program, The OED is adding \$200,000 to the rebate fund's original \$1 million. This expansion of the program means that at this time \$370,000 remains to be allocated.

“This is an outstanding accomplishment that continues to provide valuable assistance to communities, businesses and residents,” said Samantha Mary Julian, director of OED.

The URER program is funded through the federal American Recovery and Reinvestment Act and aims to stimulate employment in grid-tied renewable energy construction and increase distributed renewable energy capacity.

The URER program offers rebates for solar photovoltaic, solar thermal (hot water) and wind energy systems. The rebate for residential PV Solar is \$1.50 per DC watt with a \$4,500 cap for residential and \$25,000 for commercial. The rebate for solar thermal is \$40 per square foot with a \$2,500 cap. The rebate for wind is \$1 per AC watt with a \$2,500 cap. All systems will be subject to reasonable cost and 25 percent of total system cost limits. Those eligible for rebates must have the systems installed by a licensed contractor.

Applications must be accessed from the OED's website (www.energy.utah.gov) and submitted by email in pdf format. Applications will be accepted until all funds are reserved.

Applicants may proceed with their project after receiving notification from the OED that their rebate reservation has been approved. A rebate check will be issued after the system has been installed and inspected. Rebate claim forms must be submitted by March 1, 2012.

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